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SUBJECT: THIRD COMMITTEE--ITEM 12, CHILE

REF: USUN 5568

1. SUMMARY: AS REPORTED REFTEL, THIRD COMMITTEE COMPLETED ACTION NOV 23 ON TWO RESOLUTION ON CHILE. THE CUBAN/DUTCH RESOLUTION, AS CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT A/C.3/31/L.26/REV.1, WAS ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 98-14-18(US). THE TEXT OF THIS YEAR'S RESOLUTION WAS SIGNIFICANTLY STRONGER THAN THE RESOLUTION APPROVED LAST YEAR IN THAT IT CONTAINED THE THREAT OF FUTURE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS. IN ADDITION, THE TEXT CONTAINED ONLY TOKEN MENTION (NO NUMBER GIVEN) IN A PREAMBULAR PARA OF THE RECENT RELEASE OF OVER 300) POLITICAL PRISONERS HELD UNDER THE STATE OF SIEGE. THE US WAS JOINED IN ABSTAINING BY TWO MEMBERS OF THE EC-9, FRANCE AND FRG. OTHER MEMBERS OF

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THE EC-9 WERE EITHER COSPONSORS OR VOTED "YES". THE PRC

ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTE SINCE IT CONSIDERED CHILE TO BE THE VICTIM OF INTENSE COMPETITION BETWEEN THE TWO SUPER-POWERS. THE US EXPLANATION OF VOTE AS PROVIDED BY THE DEPT WAS DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR MYERSON PRIOR TO THE VOTE. IN ADDITION, FRANCE, FRG, PHILIPPINES, AND MOROCCO DELIVERED EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE PRIOR TO THE VOTE, CITING THEIR OPPOSITION TO OPERATIVE PARA 5(C) AND THE LACK OF MENTION IN THE RESOLUTION OF THE RELEASE OF PRISONERS AS REASON FOR THEIR ABSTENTION. IN A PROCEDURAL MANUEVER THE COMMITTEE DECIDED IT WOULD NOT VOTE ON THE URUGUAYAN MOTION CONTAINED IN RESOLUTION A/C.3/31/L.29. END SUMMARY.

2. THE FINAL VOTE ON THE CUBAN/DUTCH RESOLUTION (A/C.3/31/L.26/REV.1) WAS 98-14-18(US). THESE VOTING "NO" WERE ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, CHILE, COSTA RICA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, GRENADA, GUSTEMALA, HAITI, HONDOURAS, NICARAGUA, PANAMA, PARAGUAY, AND URUGUAY. ABSTAINING WERE FRANCE, FRG, INDIA, ISRAEL, IVORY COAST, MALAWI, MALAYSIA, MOROCCO, NEPAL, NIGER, PERU, PHILIPPINES, SAUDI, ARABIA, SPAIN, SURINAM, THAILAND, UGANDA, AND US. THE PRC AND SINGAPORE DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTE. THOSE ABSENT WERE ALBANIA, BANGLADESH, CAR, DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA, EL SALAVDOR, GABON, GAMBIA, JORDAN, LEBANON, MALDIVES, OMAN, SEYCHELLES, AND SOUTH AFRICA.

3. ALL OTHERS VOTED "YES". PRIOR TO THE VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE, THE DELGATION OF COLOMBIA REQUESTED SEPARATE VOTES ON PREAMBULAR PARAS 6 AND 11 AND ON OPERATIVE PARAS 2(A), 4, 5(B), AND 5(C). RESULTS OF PARA VOTING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PREAMBULAR PARA 6--87-13-27(US)

PREAMBULAR PARA 11--95-10-19(US)

OPERATIVE PARA 2(A)--93(US)-13-21
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OPERATIVE PARA 4--88-13(US)-27

OPERATIVE PARA 5(B)--91-10-28(US)

OPERATIVE PARA 5(C)--82-16(US)-31

DETAILED VOTING PATTERN ON OPERATIVE PARA 5(C), WHICH

WAS THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL PARA, WAS AS FOLLOWS.
VOTING NO" WERE ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, CHILE,
CAR, ECUADOR, EGYPT, FRANCE, GUATEMALA, HAITI,
HONDURAS, ISRAEL, NICASAGUA, PARAGUAY, US, AND URUGUAY.
THOSE ABSTAINING WERE BAHAMAS, BARBADOS, BELGIUM, BHUTAN,
CANADA, COLOMBIA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, FRG, INDONESIA,
IRAN, IVORY COAST, JAPAN, LIBERIA, MALAWI, MALAYSIA,
MAURITANIA, MOROCCO, NEPAL, NIGER, PANAMA, PAPUA NEW
GUINEA, PERU, PHILIPPINES, SAUDI ARABIA, SIERRA LEONE,
SPAIN, SURINAM, THAILAND, TUKEY, UGANDA, AND ZAIRE.

4. FOLLOWING THE VOTE ON THE CUBAN/DUTCH DRAFT RESO-
LUTION, THE DELEGATION OF MALI MADE A MOTION THAT THE
COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT VOTE ON THE URUGUAYAN RESOLUTION
CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT A/C.3/31/L.29. THIS MOTION
WAS CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 60-40(US)-26. THE LATIN
COUNTRIES WERE HAPPY WITH THE RESULTS OF
THIS VOTING SINCE, IN BEING PASSED BY A MINORITY OF THE TOTAL
VOTES, IT HINTED AT A RESPECTABLE AMOUNT
OF SUPPORT FOR THE URUGUAYAN RESOLUTION. IN FACT,
HOWEVER, IF THE RESOLUTION HAD BEEN PUT DIRECTLY TO
A VOTE, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN DEFEATED BY AN OVERWHELM-
INGLY LARGE NUMBER OF VOTES AND WOULD HAVE RECEIVED
AN EMBARRASSINGLY FEW NUMBER OF SUPPORTING VOTES.
THUS, THE PROCEDURAL MANUEVER BY THE CUBANS AND
OTHERS RESULTED IN SOMETHING OF A VICTORY FOR THE
CHILEANS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS. SCRANTON

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